





General of the Army Omar N. Bradley – Colonel L. Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186) (PROUDLY HOSTED THE 2019 CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION)

Our Chapter's Mission: Veterans Support, Patriotic Education, and Honoring Our Fellow Veterans

Founded in 1919 by officers who served during World War One under General of the Armies John "Blackjack" Pershing, the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a premier patriotic Veterans Service Organization (VSO) "Serving Youth, Community, and Nation" that is centered on the idea embodied in its motto that "It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served." MOWW's founding over one hundred years ago resulted from General Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their military service ended. MOWW promotes and encourages military and public service, good citizenship, and patriotic education nationwide.

Serving the Greater Los Angeles and Orange Counties, the *General of the Army Omar N. Bradley – Colonel L. Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186)* proudly promotes a *Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education Program* as a cornerstone of our Chapter's community outreach: this is in addition to supporting fellow Veterans and recognizing those we have served with, past and present.

2021 – 2022 Semi-Annual Situation Report (SITREP) ____ January – June, 2022

2021 – 2022 OPERATING YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

Lieutenant Colonel David J. Worley, United States Air Force (Retired), Commander

Commander's Report – Since our Chapter's merger in 2016 (of the *G/A Omar N. Bradley* and *San Fernando Valley* Chapters), this past operating year has unquestionably been our most active in terms of the extensive Community Outreach executed by our Companions. Our broad program has touched our fellow Veterans, our Community's Youth and First Responders, and honored our deceased Veterans as well. I can't thank enough our Companions and Honored Chapter Friends for your dedication and tireless efforts towards

promoting our Order's mission and emulating our motto that "It Is Nobler To serve Than To be Served". This past year has truly been a team effort for which each and every one of you can be proud of.

After serving as your Chapter Commander since our 2016 merger, it is time to pass the torch to your new leadership that will be elected and sworn into office on May 10th. As we learned in the military, a Commander's goal is to leave his or her organization (that they were in Command of) in better shape than when they first became Commander: I hope that I have been able to accomplish just that, as I am proud of what our Chapter has become, growing into the thriving Chapter that would not be where it is if it wasn't for the efforts of our dedicated Companions who allowed me to lead your extraordinary efforts. After having met with your new leadership, I'm excited about the direction they wish to take our Chapter, building on what we've accomplished while at the same time moving our Chapter into a modernized era that will take advantage of today's digital technology and promote new and innovative ways of attracting new Companions. You will be electing the right people to do the job and do the job well, and I ask that you give them the same support you have given me over all these years. Our Chapter's future is truly bright: it has been my pleasure and honor to have served you, and that you put your faith and trust in me to lead you in the right direction. I am humbled and honored to have had this wonderful opportunity.

So what did we as a Chapter accomplish this year? Well, where do I begin? I believe the summary below and the extensive *Chapter In Action* section of this newsletter says it all. So, here we go:

- On August 28th our well-attended Annual BBQ was held at the Worley Mansion. Due to the pandemic, we chose not to have a pot-luck but rather the BBQ meal was catered instead: all enjoyed the food and company. After the meal, yours truly was formally presented a *Gold Patrick Henry Medallion* by Brig Gen Dan Pemberton (Conejo-Valley Chapter): the award was also announced at the 2021 National Convention (Detroit) on behalf of VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former). HPM Gayle E. Worley was presented her *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion and Certificate* that was announced at a June Region XIV Meeting by then VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former): Gayle was formally presented her award by a most-proud yours truly for her *Significant Patriotic Contributions* to the cause of patriotism through her years of selfless service to not only MOWW, but to the community as an active member of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* (see *Chapter-In-Action*). Chapter business then ensued with a wrap-up of a birthday cake celebration for our very own LTC Ángel M. Ortiz.
- On September 14th we held our first Luncheon Meeting of the Operating Year at *Victorio's Ristorante* (Van Nuys). The theme of the well-attended meeting was Constitution Day (September 17th), POW-MIA Recognition Day (September 17th), and celebrating the USAF's 74th Birthday (September 18th). Our newest Companion, Lt Lynn McGinnis, a retired school teacher, talked about *The Constitution: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow;* HPM Gayle E. Worley also talked about a 1:00 PM "Ringing of the Bells" on *Constitution Day* plus her perspective as a member of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Each attendee received a copy of the *United States Constitution* plus a card containing both the *Pledge of Allegiance* and *The American's Creed.* Sergeant Robert Donovan, a supervisor for *Operation Gratitude* and *Honored Friend of the Chapter*, then gave an *Operation Gratitude* overview as Companions began preparation for our annual November carepackage drive.
- Our second Business Meeting of the 2021-2022 OY took place on October 12th at Victorio's Ristorante. On November 18th, we held our first ever meeting at the California Yacht Club (Marina Del Rey). After a wonderful lunch overlooking the harbor, Companions and guests learned from our guest speaker, LTC Kevin Toms, the ins-and-outs about the UCLA Army ROTC Program. Serving as the Professor of Military Science, Colonel Toms explained about program admission and scholarships, graduation rates, and commissioning opportunities for graduating students. Colonel Toms' presentation served as a much welcomed general overview of all ROTC programs.
- During the month of November, our Chapter delivered (on behalf of *Operation Gratitude*) an amazing **2972 care packages** to Active Military and Fellow Veterans throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties. Additional details can be found in the *Chapter News and Notes* section of this SITREP.
- On December 12th our Chapter held a festive Holiday Luncheon at the recently re-opened *Proud Bird Restaurant* (Near LAX). It was the first time that we had returned to the *Proud Bird* since the restaurant's renovations many years ago: before the merger of the *San Fernando Valley* and *G/A Omar Bradley* Chapters in 2016, the *Proud Bird* had served as the location of bimonthly joint Chapter meetings. The luncheon was well attended by Companions and guests which was enjoyed by all, especially during the always anticipated gift exchange.

- For our annual *Wreaths Across America* drive, we obtained enough donations for **632 wreaths** to be placed at *Los Angeles National Cemetery*. With the help of members of the *San Fernando Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* we placed all of our wreaths at the cemetery on December 18th, 2021. Additional details can be found in the *Chapter News and Notes* section of this SITREP.
- In February, we held our third Business Meeting for the 2021-2022 OY at the *California Yacht Club*. In March, we held our first luncheon at *The Public School 818 Restaurant and Bar* (Sherman Oaks). Air Force Veteran **Edward Lynch** presented to everyone the ins-and-out of the *Veterans History Project*, of which Ed has extensive experience working through the Conejo-Valley Chapter (195) as well as various Chapters of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Ed explained that in addition to interviewing, documenting, and filming a Veteran's story, a DVD is created for both the *Library of Congress* (which houses the Veteran's story) and the Veteran themselves. For more information about the *Veterans History Project*, please see the section in this SITREP entitled *Ongoing Programs*.
- On Saturday, March 12th, yours truly presented *Eagle Scout* recognition certificates to 18 young men and women at the *Verdugo Hills Council's* annual awards ceremony. What a joy to be able to recognize these selfless leaders! Additional details about our Scouting Recognition Program can be found in the *Ongoing Programs* portion of this SITREP.
- With nearly all SROTC and JROTC programs more-or-less back to nearly full operations, we provided Awards of Merit medals and certificates to the 8 SROTC and 50 JROTC programs our Chapter supports. Our hats are off to our SROTC/JROTC POC Col Richard Keagy who ensured each of the schools we support not only received their MOWW awards but medals and certificates from the Reserve Organization of America as well. Our Companions are making a number of in-person presentations of these awards at school award ceremonies during the month of May.
- More detailed information on all of our activities and accomplishments for the 2021-2022 OY can be found not only in this SITREP but through our social media pages (@mowwlosangeles) and on our website (www.mowwlosangeles.com).

Once again, I "Thank You!" for allowing me to serve you, and for what you have done for our Community and fellow Veterans. as I have stated many times, our Chapter is living proof that if everyone puts their mind to it, as President Ronald Reagan stated, "It CAN Be Done!"

Respectfully,

Dave

SECTION 1 OF 4: CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

Calendar of Events - Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and activities (See Chapter Website For Updates):

Tuesday, May 10th – Noon to 2:00 PM (11:00 AM Social). Bradley-Hanson Chapter (186) Installation and Recognition Luncheon. Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Lake Balboa (Corner of Balboa and Roscoe Boulevards, Adjacent To Home Depot, Just West of the Van Nuys Airport ... Less Than Five Minutes from Original 94th Aero Squadron).

Guest Speaker: CDR Ted Parsons, Region XIV Commander. Open to all Companions and invited guests. Cost: Order Individually from the Menu.

Wednesday, June 8th – Noon – 3:00 PM (No Social). Monthly Bradley-Hanson (186) Chapter Luncheon. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey. For further information please contact Chapter Adjutant.

Tuesday, August 2nd Through Saturday, August 6th. 2022 MOWW National Convention, Jacksonville, Florida. Convention details posted on National MOWW website (www.moww.org).

Saturday, December 17th - 0900 - 1100 Hours. Wreaths Across America. Los Angeles National Cemetery. Placement of wreaths.

VETERANS SUPPORT: Operation Gratitude – During this past year as part of our Chapter's most significant Community Outreach Program, we delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* **2972 care packages** to Active Military, Fellow Veterans, and First Responders. In our *Chapter In Action* section of this SITREP, we have provided numerous photos representing most of the locations and their grateful recipients where the packages were delivered. Our deepest "Thank You!" to our Chapter's liaison (and *Honored Friend of the Chapter*) **Sgt Robert Donovan** of *Operation Gratitude* who was the catalyst that made all of our distribution and deliveries possible:

In November (in recognition of *Veterans Day*) we assisted in the assembly and delivery of **2200** care packages. These packages were delivered to: *Veterans Administration Hospitals* in Los Angeles (Westwood), Long Beach, and Sepulveda; the *Antelope Valley Veterans Center*; Former and Retired Veterans residing in the Arcadia, La Crescenta, and San Gabriel Communities; many living in Veteran's Housing Units throughout Los Angeles and Glendale; Veterans receiving meals from *Meals on Wheels West Los Angeles*; Veterans residing in various Senior Living Facilities in Orange County; and *Naval Squadron VAW-117* stationed at *Naval Base Ventura County (Point Mugu)*. Chapter Companions **Lt Col Raffi Najarian, CPT Gordon Fell, CPT Gary Pforr, Lt Lynn McGinnis**, and **HPM Gayle Worley** were instrumental in these massive efforts: our hats are off to each of these Companions for a job well done. Assistance from the *American Legion Post 288* (La Crescenta) and the *San Fernando Valley Chapter* of the *National Society Daughters of the American Revolution* in the packing and distribution of our packages was instrumental as well. Many of our Chapter Companions also assisted during our dedicated *Operation Gratitude* packing day held in November at their facility in Chatsworth.

In April, Fire and Police Responders were recognized with **772 packages** that were distributed in Arcadia, Glendale, and La Crescenta. This was the first time that our Chapter embarked on this important community outreach effort to show our support and appreciation to First Responders for their selfless efforts.

We have every reason as a Chapter to be proud of the selfless efforts of our Companions who made our November and April distribution campaigns an overwhelming success, truly emulated our Order's motto that "It's Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served ...".

Since 2003, Operation Gratitude has distributed over three-and-half million packages to active-duty personnel, Veterans, and First Responders: we are most humbled that our Chapter is a part of this organization's extraordinary effort, whose mission is: "To forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder Heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities". For information visit www.operationgratitude.com as well as our website at www.mowwlosangeles.com.

Chapter Website — It was agreed-upon by the Executive Staff to contract a professional website designer and webmaster towards the goal of creating a more professional and technologically functional website. This decision was determined after Executive Staff review of not only websites from other MOWW Chapters/Regions nationwide but of other community organizations as well. Our Chapter needs to take this necessary approach if we are going to enhance our appeal to potential new members and increase most-needed Companion-based functionality: in short, this will be an "upgrade" from our current website that is a prudent and practical expenditure for our Chapter. The funding for the costs of design and maintenance by an outside contractor was approved by the Membership and the upgrade will commence no later than January 1, 2023 once a contractor is selected by the Executive Staff: the current website authorization by the service provider expires in early 2023.

Membership and Brochures — We were pleased to welcome this Spring our Chapter's newest member, 2Lt Lynn P. McGinnis, USAF (Fmr), who became a Regular Member of the Order. A retired middle-school history teacher, Lynn was instrumental over the course of the year in the distribution of *Operation Gratitude* packages to our Veterans and First Responders. Unfortunately, LTC Ángel M. Ortiz, USA ANG (Ret), relocated to Florida after their 12-year old Granddaughter suffered serious long-term injuries sustained in an automobile accident: Angel and his wife Mariluz moved to Florida to assist in their Granddaughter's care.

Our New Tri-Fold Brochure: Provided by Headquarters MOWW, the Chapter recently produced 1000 new brochures which also includes pertinent contact information for our Chapter. Coupled with the business-card-sized information cards also designed by the *Executive Staff*, our Companions now have two critical tools for presenting to potential Companions, the community at large, and to our youth award recipients. If one needs additional brochures, please contact the Adjutant for more copies.

HONORING OUR FELLOW VETERANS: Wreaths Across America — As you know, Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a national program that our Chapter annually embraces and is a key component of our Chapter's community outreach program. Our amazing Chapter raised funds during the 2021 Calendar Year so that we could place 632 holiday wreaths on the gravesites of our deceased comrades interred at the Los Angeles National Cemetery. This was an amazing number that was 454 wreaths more than we raised funds for in CY 2020, truly reflecting your generosity in "Honoring Our Fellow Veterans".

This year's goal is **1000** wreaths for placement at the cemetery on December 17th. In early January, through our Companions and other Service Organizations, we initiated a short donation campaign in order that we could take advantage of an offer from *Wreaths Across America* wherein for every wreath purchased before January 15th (at \$15 each) we would receive an additional wreath at no charge. To date we now have sponsored **215** wreaths towards our 1000-wreath goal. If you wish to donate to our Chapter so that we can raise enough funds to meet our 1000 wreath goal, our Chapter's link for the drive can be found at https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/163220 (or scan the QRC below) and is a link that you can forward to friends, family members, and organizations. Wreaths can be purchased online (credit card) or by check: please forward all checks to our Chapter Treasurer's address: Captain Gordon Fell (Treasurer), 2120 S. Beverly Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90034, and have checks made out to "Bradley-Hanson Chapter of MOWW". Wreaths can also be requested and placed for a specific Veteran: if one wishes to have a wreath placed on a Veteran's gravesite at a separate nearby cemetery, one can pick that wreath up at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* (on December 17, 2022). For more information go to www.mowwlosangeles.com.



Honored Friends Of The Chapter – Many individuals who support our Order's Core Values and believe in our Chapter's Mission, are not eligible for Chapter membership. These outstanding individuals, who truly emulate our Order's motto "It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served", are active within our local community and many belong to various other volunteer organizations and/or are non-commissioned military officers as well. These Honored Friends Of The Chapter (referred to as "Friends") are involved in nearly all aspects of our community outreach activities, they attend our meetings, and they assist where they can with our Chapter's overall mission. These friends are vital to success of our Chapter and are welcome with open arms. To learn how you can assist us and become an Honored Friend of the Chapter, contact a fellow Chapter member and/or access our website www.mowwlosangeles.com to learn more about our vital Community Outreach Mission.

SECTION 2 OF 4: ONGOING PROGRAMS

Patriotic Education – This Chapter's Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education Program is our primary community outreach program, a program that sets the Military Order of the World Wars apart from other Veterans Service Organization (VSOs): Among its other National and community-focused outreach programs, the Order's overall Patriotic Education Program focuses on youth education, development, and recognition. Involvement with local Scouting, Senior ROTC, and Junior ROTC programs are a primary focus of every Chapter program nationwide. Additionally, Chapter companions routinely speak at schools and numerous youth groups on a variety of patriotic, historical, leadership, and character development topics. Also, Chapters nationwide annually sponsor, at no cost to high school juniors and seniors who are selected to attend, 20 multi-day in-residence Youth Leadership Conferences: Conference missions are to provide the opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills, gain appreciation of heritage and patriotism, and stimulate awareness of our nation's free enterprise system, all on a foundation of citizenship. Numerous one-day Youth Leadership Seminars are also conducted nationwide, sponsored by Chapters also at no cost to students, focusing on specific subjects of interest promoting patriotism, leadership, civics, and community involvement. For more information go to www.mowwwlosangeles.com.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: 2022 Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference (TOYLC), June 20th - June 24th. Our Chapter is excited to play an integral part in this year's conference, sponsored by the South Coast Youth Leadership Conference, Incorporated, a California 501(c)3 corporation. The first TOYLC was conducted 30 years ago in 1992, and is assisted by the Conejo Valley and Bradley-Hanson Chapters of The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). The TOYLC mission is to provide the opportunity for our youth AT NO CHARGE TO THE STUDENT to develop leadership skills, gain appreciation of patriotism, and gain awareness of our nation's free enterprise system. This year we expect to attract nearly 40 high school students from throughout California. Our annual week-long Conference is conducted on the campus of the California Lutheran University (CLU) in Thousand Oaks, California. A comprehensive program provides a combination of guest speakers, an Awards Banquet, outdoor and indoor team-building Leadership Challenges, and other events to ensure students are motivated, educated, and inspired. We enjoy success by striking a balance of fun and discipline to develop a program that our students can care about and strive to excel in. The conference's capstone event this year is a guided tour of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library with students taking part in the Situation Room Experience. Our motto, "A safe place to learn and make mistakes as long as you try to do your best" blends well with our overall objective to create an environment rich in mentoring and leadership-by-example. The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has placed all of MOWW's Youth Leadership Conferences (YLCs) on the 2021-2022 NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs and Activities for Students. We believe that our annual conference plays a vital role in preparing incoming high school juniors and seniors (as of June 20, 2022) for the future. Application deadline for prospective students is Sunday, May 15th.

YLC classes are led by skilled instructors and supervised by well-qualified team leaders and counselors. Classes are participatory. The goal is 50% of class time dedicated to leadership and teambuilding, 30% of class time devoted to the US government, US history and the US Constitution; and 20% devoted to the Free Enterprise System and the US Economy. TOYLC welcomes guests, at a minimum cost, to join us to observe our conference: **this includes each and every Companion in our Chapter**. Our most rewarding event is our Awards Banquet to be held at CLU, 60 West Olsen Rd, Thousand Oaks, on Thursday June 23rd at 5:00PM.

For questions, please feel free to contact TOYLC Director, **Col Jerry Knotts** at (805) 495-6962 (jeknotts@ccvf.org) or TOYLC Assistant Director For Curriculum, **Lt Col Dave Worley** at toylc@mowwlosangeles.com. The entire TOYLC staff, including the TOYLC Assistant Director For Logistics, Navy **CAPT Ralph Scaffidi**, look forward to continued success of our program, the success of our students, and the wonderful support from high school instructors as well as our generous community.

To access the student application form and for more information go to www.toylc.com. and www.toylc.com.

YOUTH RECOGNITION AND PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Scouting, ROTC, and JROTC - We laud the achievements of our youth who have grown as leaders, embody the characteristics of good citizenship, and demonstrate outstanding character. Our Chapter proudly recognizes *Girl Scout Gold Award* and *Boy Scout Eagle Award* recipients with **Certificates of Recognition** through local councils; additionally, we sponsor SROTC and JROTC **Awards of Merit** certificates and medals to cadets enrolled in 54 college and high school programs. We formally presented many of these awards in-person to these outstanding cadets.

This operating year we sponsored **82 Boy Scout Eagle Award Certificates** and **67 Girl Scout Gold Award Certificates**: of note, two ladies earned both their *Eagle Scout* AND their *Gold Awards*, a truly remarkable accomplishment. Each of these 147 amazing men and women completed significant community projects demonstrated outstanding citizenship and selfless service. **For more information go to** <u>www.mowwlosangeles.com</u>.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION: Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation's Character Development Program - Our Chapter proudly promotes this program sponsored by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (founded by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society) consisting exclusively of the living Recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Foundation is dedicated to educating and inspiring Americans about the values embodied in the Congressional Medal of Honor: courage and sacrifice, commitment and integrity, citizenship and patriotism. Its living history videos and accompanying lessons teach K-12 students that ordinary people can meet great challenges and make the world around them a better place. For more information go to: https://themedalofhonor.com/about-the-cdp/ and www.mowwlosangeles.com.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION AND HONORING OUR VETERANS: 250th Anniversary of American Independence Celebration - Our Chapter has already begun making plans for our Nation's semiquincentennial celebration that will take place in 2026. The Chapter's celebration events and activities will focus on Patriotic Education for our youth as well as recognition of our fellow military comrades who have paid the ultimate sacrifice over a 250-year period defending the rights and freedoms of this great country. To read about our ongoing plans please go to www.mowwlosangeles.com.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: Vietnam 50-Year Commemoration - Our Chapter is a proud Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration program. As a commemorative partner, this Chapter honors our comrades-in-arms who served during the Vietnam War. Across the Nation, Americans are uniting to thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice: this is the main focus of the National 50th Anniversary Commemoration which was authorized by Congress in 2008. Through our efforts, we also encourage the general public to continue thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation. If you know of a Vietnam Veteran that has yet to be recognized, please let us know so that they can be appropriately honored. For more information go to www.mowwlosangeles.com. POCS: Contact the Commander, Adjutant, or Treasurer.

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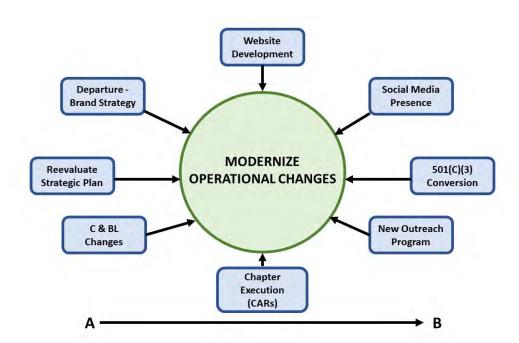
HONORING OUR VETERANS: Korean War 75-Year Commemoration - Our Chapter has begun making plans in preparation of the Korean War 75-Year Commemoration that will take place from 2025-2028. In recognition of those individuals who served during this three-year conflict, a five-year program is being developed by our Chapter leading up to the 75-Year Commemoration: the intent of the program is to not only recognize those individuals who served during the conflict, but to educate the general public of not only the sacrifices of those individuals who served, but that this post-WWII conflict is technically still ongoing as it was a "cease fire" agreement that ended the armed conflict, with military hostilities between the North and the South still in place today. For more information go to www.mowwlosangeles.com.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: Veterans History Project – As described on the project's website, "The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. VHP collects, preserves and makes accessible the firsthand remembrances of U.S. military Veterans from World War I through the more recent conflicts. Anyone, including students ages 15 or older, can volunteer to participate." Over the years, high school Junior ROTC cadets have assisted our Chapter in the organization, interviewing, and documentation of Veterans' experiences for inclusion in Library of Congress records: we have also insured that the Veteran and their families receive copies of these most treasured interviews as well. Currently, we are proudly partnering with the Conejo Valley Chapter (195) for the actual interviewing of our Veterans. For more information go to: https://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html and www.mowwlosangeles.com.

National Headquarters Updates – For more information go to: www.moww.org. The August in-person 2021 Detroit National Convention was well attended considering the circumstances surrounding the COVID pandemic. Full biographical information of newly elected MOWW Commander-in-Chief (CINC) LTC (Dr.) Michael A. Okin, USA (Retired) can be found in the September-October 2021 edition of the Officer Review. Your Chapter Commander was also elected as a MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief (VCINC) with designated oversight of our Region XIV as well as Region VIII:

"It was my privilege and honor to have been elected as a Vice Commander-in-Chief at this year's National Convention in Detroit. I look forward to working with our Order's Commander-in-Chief, LTC (Dr.) Michael A. Okin as part of the team that moves our Order forward out of the circumstances created by the tragic pandemic of this past year-and-a-half. My oversight responsibilities include that of Regions VIII and XIV which are guided by two outstanding Commanders, CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck (Region VIII) and CDR Ted Parsons (Region XIV). I will provide my Region Commanders the tools they need to not only be able to perform their duties and responsibilities, but to be able to grow their Regions through the establishment of new CADRES and improved Chapter viability. We now more than ever need to grow all of our Chapters through increased Community Outreach which in-turn will give us greater resources of potential new Companions while at the same time increasing our public footprint and fulfilling vital niches within our communities. I want all of the Companions in our two Regions to have a sense of pride of what it means to be a member of the Order, and to not only embrace but to be able to articulate our Order's Strategic Goals: only in this way can each and every one of us be Ambassadors for the Order. We have a tremendous foundation of top-notch Chapter and Department Commanders plus dedicated Region Staffs who are carrying the torch and leading the way: I am proud of each and every one of you, and I "Thank You!" for what you have done and will continue to do for the Order."

At the March Top-8 Conference held at MOWW Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, **CINC Okin** presented his long-range plan to **"Modernize – Operational Changes"** for the Order, a long-range synergistic "snapshot" containing goals and initiatives that are being <u>considered</u> by the Order's Senior Leadership over the coming years:



At this point in time, we are currently at "Point A" and over the years will eventually reach "Point B". It should be noted that the eight initiatives are: not all-inclusive; not linear in their execution but require careful synchronization; won't be adopted in their entirety; and are merely a framework from which to work from. The overall plan will be presented in greater detail by the CINC at this year's National Convention in Jacksonville, FL (August) and will be discussed as a Convention agenda item..

Note: The 501(c)3 Conversion initiative is only a discussion item as there are no plans at this time to convert from our current 501(c)19 (Veteran Service Organization) status. Numerous options are being reviewed to include creating a separate 501(c)3 foundation within the Order. In the end, no action may be taken at all thus maintaining the status quo.

Finally, the theme of this year's *MOWW National Convention* will be **"Preserving The Past While Embracing The Future"**: the Convention will be held Tuesday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 7th in Jacksonville, Florida. Companions are encouraged to attend (beginning Wednesday, August 4th) and "let your voice be heard" as there will be a great deal of discussion and numerous initiatives that will be brought to the floor to include proposed *Constitution and Bylaw (C&BL)* changes. Yours truly will be running for re-election as a VCINC and your support in Jacksonville would be greatly appreciated. For more information about the convention to include the agenda and application, go to: www.moww.org/convention.

Region XIV Updates – Region XIV held its first Zoom Conference on August 17th with newly elected CDR George T. (Ted) Parsons of the San Diego (100) Chapter at the helm as Region XIV Commander, replacing BG Paul K. Lebidine who stepped-down after two-years of extraordinary service during a very difficult period of time for the Order (for which General Lebidine received the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion in June from then VCINC LT John S. McConnel). At the Region XIV Virtual Summer Conference, the new Region Commander shared his vision and goals with all who attended, and answered any and all questions posed to him. A number of our Chapter Companions attended the Conference. In October, the Region XIV Virtual Fall Conference was primarily attended by Chapter Commanders who enthusiastically shared how they planned to move their Chapters forward out of the pandemic; a number of administrative issues were discussed amongst the Chapter Commanders as well.

On Saturday, April 23rd, the first in-person 2022 Region XIV Convention was held after a two-year hiatus (due to COVID). The well-attended Convention was held at the VFW Museum of Military History in Simi Valley and included a number of our Chapter Companions. Highlights from the minutes of the Region XIV Convention are as follows:

"Commander Parsons stressed the importance of 'the team' versus just 'one person' that has been a 'bridge' for the past two years with COVID affecting all of us. Teamwork proved especially important for our ROTC and Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) support.

BGen Lopez gave an example of experiences in his Woolsey Chapter when three years ago that Chapter won zero awards. BGen Lopez vowed to not let that happen again. Now, Woolsey has received 50 awards over these past three years. BGen Lopez went on to explain which awards are self-nominating, various cut-off dates, what the categories of awards are, and how to look ahead and log-in every event during the year.

Companion Jerry Knotts focused comments on YLCs (multi-day) and Youth Leadership Seminars (YLSs) (1-day). He said that YLCs are primarily for those going to be Sophomores and Juniors, while YLSs are shorter but broader. The schools have to establish standards. There also has to be a purpose for the event and specifics on the program. Sponsors need to be obtained at \$450 per child to cover costs for *Thousand Oaks Youth Leadership Conference*.

Dave Gibson, PCINC, spoke on strategic growth, marketing and branding. Logos and other visible items are often involved. Some actions may require a change in National Bylaws especially if changing from a 501c(19) to a 501c(3).

VCINC Dave Worley talked about key questions: 'What are we doing?' and 'What are we not doing?' A key focus is preserving the past while bringing in more people. Also, what is our long range goal? How does the younger generation relate to the older generation? Also very important is getting enough Veterans in our membership so that we have at least 75% Veterans; we are today under 75% which is an IRS requirement for a 501(c)19 entity.

After an hour-break for lunch, BGen Dan Pemberton introduced our speaker Col Lisa Nemeth. She has had many experiences and assignments as the Commander of the 146th Airlift Wing, CA Air National Guard (250 full timers) based at Channel Islands. The Wing focuses on its main missions: airdrops, airlift, aeromedical, evacuate, firefighting, and climate. Its operations since 2020 include COVID support, civil unrest, food bank operations, climate and wildfire fighting.

Commander Parsons summarized the Region Bylaws changes that are mostly administrative. Some key proposals include two-year terms for elected officers, removing the \$.35 per companion Region assessment, and flexibility in number and timing of awards and conferences. Others include adding succession language and an option for the Region Commander of creating a new cadre/chapter committee.

A companion moved to approve the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voting companions.

Commander Parsons discussed the 2022-2023 Region XIV Budget sharing highlights of our total assets, expenditures for our current year, and the approved budget. Executive Staff approval is expected for a balanced budget.

Nominating Committee Chairman Col Dave Gibson presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations:

For Region Commander CDR Ted Parsons (San Diego Chapter)

For Sr. Vice Commander Ms. Georgett Studnicka (Bradley-Hanson Chapter)
For Vice Commander BGen Dan Pemberton (Conejo Valley Chapter)
For Treasurer CPT Gordon Fell (Bradley-Hanson Chapter)

Region Commander Parsons called for any other nominees, but no others were placed into nomination. Region Commander Parsons then directed the Region Adjutant to cast one vote for the unopposed slate. VCINC Worley officially installed Ted Parsons and Dan Pemberton as Region Commander and Senior Vice Commander respectively. Because of the previously approved Bylaw changes, all four officers were elected to two year terms."

Note: Region XIV Commander Parsons will be attending our Tuesday, May 10th luncheon and will gladly answer any questions regarding the *Region XIV Convention*.

SECTION 4 OF 4: CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS AND INFORMATION

Awards and Recognition – At our August 28th Annual BBQ, **HPM Gayle E. Worley** was presented her *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion* and *Certificate* that was announced at a June, 2021 Region XIV Meeting by then **VCINC LT John S. McConnel, USNR (Former)**. Gayle was formally presented her award by the Chapter Commander for her *Significant Patriotic Contributions* to the cause of patriotism through her years of selfless service to not only MOWW, but to the community as an active member of the *National Society Daughters* of the *American Revolution* (see *Chapter-In-Action*).

Congratulations to Gayle who truly emulates our motto that "It Is Nobler To Serve Than To Be Served" ... on behalf of our entire Chapter, "Thank You!" for your dedication and a "Job Well-Done!"

At this year's Annual Awards Luncheon to be held on May 10th, additional awards will be presented: please check our website for details about our additional award recipients.

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MEMORIAL DAY, 2022 - REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES

Our Chapter-In-Action



Companion Lieutenant Lynn McGinnis (pictured second from right) along with fellow American Legion Post 288 member Sergeant Mike Baldwin (pictured second from left) present care packages on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* to members of the Glendale Police Department.

Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley stands with 18 Boy Scouts of America *Eagle Scouts* at the 2022 Verdugo Hills Councils' annual recognition ceremony. Each of the *Eagle Scout* recipients received MOWW *Certificates of Recognition*.





Members of the Arcadia Fire Department are presented care packages from *Operation Gratitude* by Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (pictured third from left) and Major (Doctor) Michael Cao (pictured fourth from left).

At our September 14th Luncheon, Guest Speaker and Companion Lieutenant Lynn McGinnis spoke about *The Constitution: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.* His remarks were part of the luncheon's comprehensive *Constitution Day* program.



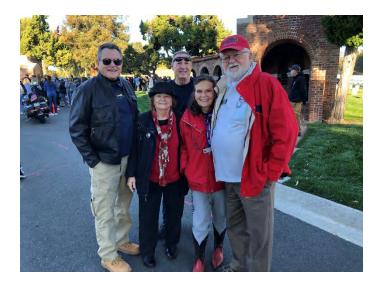


Navy Commander Ted Parsons, Region XIV Commander, presents VCINC Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley a *Certificate of Appreciation* for his remarks at the *Region XIV Convention* held on April 23rd at the *VFW Museum of Military History* located in Simi Valley.

Last July, Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley presented *Eagle Scout Award* Certificates to five ladies from Boy Scout Troop 258 (Palos Verdes Estates).

One of the recipients, Rachel Alexis Mealani Arakawa, was recognized for her extraordinary accomplishment of achieving *both* the Boy Scouts of America *Eagle Scout Award* and the Girl Scouts of America *Gold Award*.





Our Chapter participated in the Annual *Wreaths Across America* wreath-laying activity at *Los Angeles National Cemetery* on December 18th.

Pictured Left To Right: *Honored Friend of the Chapter* Sergeant Robert Donovan with Companions HPM Georgett Studnicka, Captain Gary Pforr, HPM Vivian Lewis, and Major Howard Lewis.

At the Chapter's Annual BBQ held in August, HPM Gayle E, Worley formally receives her *Silver Patrick Henry Medallion* for *Significant Patriotic Contributions* to the cause of patriotism. Gayle was selected for recognition by then VCINC Navy Lieutenant John S. McConnel last June. The award was presented on Lieutenant McConnel's behalf by Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley.





At December's Annual Chapter Holiday Gathering held at the *Proud Bird Restaurant*, pictured from left to right are *Honored Friends of the Chapter* Susan Dawson, David Greenberg, and Sergeant Jimmy Weldon, along with HPMs Gayle and Valerie Worley.

Companions and guests enjoying their outdoor cuisine at the Chapter's Annual BBQ held in August at the Worley Mansion. In the foreground is Brigadier General Dan Pemberton, Companion of the Conejo Valley Chapter.





In preparation for the Chapter's *Operation Gratitude* November package distribution drive, *Operation Gratitude* Supervisor and *Honored Friend of the Chapter* Sergeant Robert Donovan gives an overview of *Operation Gratitude* plus answers questions at the Chapter's September Luncheon.

VCINC Lieutenant Dave Worley (right) presents to Regent Susan Broderick (center) of the *California State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (CSSDAR)*, the *Bronze Patrick Henry Organizational Award* "IN RECOGNITION OF CSSDAR'S STATEWIDE PROGRAMS THAT FURTHER YOUTH EDUCATION, PARALLELING THE PATRIOTIC GOALS OF MOWW AND EMULATING THE ORDER'S MOTTO THAT 'IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED'."

Pictured (on the left) is Denise VanBuren, President General of the *National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution*. Both ladies also received MOWW *Coins of Excellence* for their selfless service to our communities and Nation.





Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley presents a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Air Force Veteran Edward Lynch for his presentation about the *Library of Congress' Veterans History Project*. Ed will be facilitating future Chapter efforts in the documentation and interviewing of our fellow Veterans.

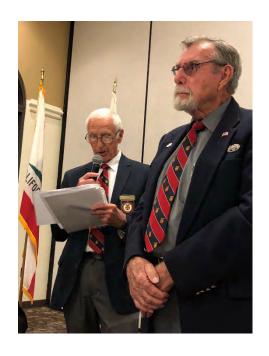
Members of the Arcadia Police Department are presented care packages from *Operation Gratitude* by Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (pictured on the left) and Major (Doctor) Michael Cao (pictured second from the right).





At our November meeting, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Toms, Professor of Military Science for the UCLA Senior (Army) Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program, is presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* by Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley for his insightful presentation about the ins-and-outs of Senior ROTC programs.

At November's *Gathering of Heroes* dinner held jointly by the MOWW and MOAA Conejo-Valley Chapters, Bradley-Hanson Companion Lieutenant Harry Dickenson (pictured to the right), was honored for his service during the Korean War conflict. MOAA Chapter President and fellow MOWW Companion Brigadier General Dan Pemberton (pictured to the left) introduced Lieutenant Dickenson.





Packages are unloaded by *Operation Gratitude* for Veterans which were sponsored by the *Antelope Valley Veterans Center*. Chapter Companions coordinated with the Center to facilitate the November deliveries.

Chapter Companions and guests came together in November for an elegant luncheon at the *California Yacht Club*. In the foreground Companion Major Howard Lewis (seated on the right) is shown speaking with WWII Merchant Marine and Navy Veteran Lieutenant Rex Link (seated second from the left).





HPM Gayle Worley, who also serves as Second Vice-Regent of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), stands behind a 102-year old monument located at VFW Post 3834 (San Fernando). The monument was erected in 1920 by the NSDAR Chapter in honor of those from the community who served during The Great War. Our Chapter funded a rededication plaque that was installed in the Spring of this year (delayed due to COVID). The verbiage on the plaque can be found below ...

"THIS MEMORIAL REDEDICATED ON JUNE 14, 2020 TO ALL MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED FROM WORLD WAR ONE TO THE PRESENT. PLAQUE DONATED BY THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER NSDAR, MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS (MOWW), AND VFW POST 3834" ...





Companion and 146th Airlift Wing member Lieutenant Colonel Raffi Najarian (center) at Operation Gratitude assisting the loading of packages for delivery to Naval Squadron VAW-117 at Naval Base Ventura County (Point Mugu).

Companion Lieutenant Colonel Raffi Najarian (pictured to the left) is presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* for his efforts in the coordination with military units for the delivery of hundreds of care packages on behalf of *Operation Gratitude*. Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (picture to the right) presented the certificate.





In November, our Chapter delivered on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* care packages to each of the three major VA Hospitals located in Los Angeles County: West Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Sepulveda. 695 packages alone were delivered to the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles: Carrie Brandlin, Director of Volunteer Services, accepted the delivered packages.

In 2022, our Chapter sponsored JROTC Awards of Merit to a deserving cadet from each of 50 high school programs throughout Los Angeles County. Shown is Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley presenting one of this year's awards to a deserving cadet.





Paul Chen (pictured on the right), Mayor Pro Tem, accepted delivery of *Operation Gratitude* care packages for distribution on behalf of the City of Arcadia for distribution on and around *Veterans Day* (2021).

Honored Friend of the Chapter and Operation Gratitude liaison Sergeant Robert Donovan (pictured on the left) assisted Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (center) with the deliveries.

Chapter Companions took part on a special Assembly Day held at *Operation Gratitude's* Forward Operating Location (Chatsworth) where over 2000 care packages were assembled for distribution by our Chapter during the month of November.

Pictured are Companions Captain Gary Pforr (center) and Lieutenant Lynn McGinnis (pictured to the right).

Sample of an assembled package below ...





Note the card enclosed: "Operation Gratitude package delivered complements of the Military Order of the World Wars" ...

Companion Lieutenant Colonel Ed Reynolds (pictured on the right) participating during the aforementioned *Operation Gratitude* Assembly Day ...





In November, care packages on behalf of *Operation Gratitude* were also delivered to the City of San Gabriel.

Accepting the packages were Sandy Rosco (pictured to the left), Executive Director of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and Sergeant Scott Johnson (pictured to the right) of the 2D Battalion, 23D Marines.

Chapter Companions enjoying a light moment at last August's BBQ held at the Worley Mansion ...





Chapter Commander Lieutenant Dave Worley (left) and Chapter Companion Colonel (Judge) George Kalinski at the 2021 MOWW National Convention held last August in Detroit, (Dearborn) Michigan.

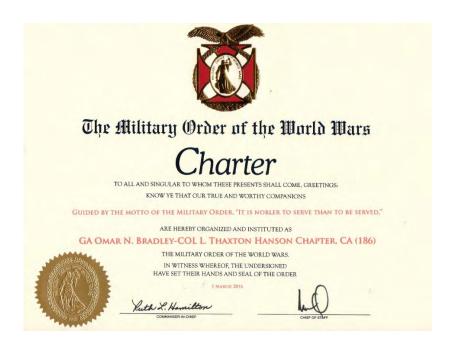
American Legion Post 288 Commander (pictured to the left) Sergeant Robert Wollenweber and VFW Post 1614 Commander (pictured to the right) Sergeant James Turner receive from Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley (center) the *Merit Award For Outstanding Service*. Members of these two collocated posts were recognized for their many years of tireless and selfless service within Crescenta Valley as well as on behalf of fellow Veterans.

The verbiage on the plaque read: "THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS MERIT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE PRESENTED TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 288 AND VFW POST 1614 FOR SELFLESS COMMUNITY SERVICE ... 'IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED'."





Placing wreaths in December at the *Los Angeles National Cemetery* in support of *Wreaths Across America* are (from left to right) HPM Valerie Worley, HPM Gayle Worley, and Chapter Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dave Worley.



***** END OF SITREP 2021-2022-3 *****

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A.	A. APPLICANT'S INFORMATION	
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	Spouse's/Partner's Name:	
	Applicant's Service Branch (circle):	
	USA USMC USN USAF US	SSF USCG USPHS NOAA
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